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MESSAGE

Dear Examiner Gall,

I enclose a copy of a Reply to Office Action as filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 26, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application, as well as a copy of a return postcard stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Please note that there is a typographical error on page 6, line 14 of the Reply. There, a paragraph that starts at page 15, line 25 of the specification is incorrectly identified as starting at page 15, line 20 of the specification. If any further action is required on our part to correct the typographical error, please let me know.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: ☐ a Preliminary Amendment;
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